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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

To Whom It May Concern:

We, ARIEL KATZ, GUY FRIEDEL, and RON MONDRI hereby declare that:

1. We are the joint inventors of the above-identified patent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/681,203, and all subject matter claimed therein.
2. We were employed by Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft") during conception and reduction to practice of the subject matter of the claims in the above-identified patent application. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified patent application.
3. Prior to February 23, 2000 ("Critical Date"), we conceived of the invention recited in at least the independent claims 1, 14, 28, 31, and 33 of the above-identified patent application. We conceived of the invention in at least one the United States, a NAFTA country, and a WTO member country.
4. We diligently worked to reduce to practice the invention recited in at least the independent claims of the above-referenced application from at least just prior to the Critical Date to actual reduction to practice on March 7, 2000. We worked

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- to reduce the invention to practice in at least one of the United States, a NAFTA country, and a WTO member country.
5. Conception and actual reduction to practice are evidenced by the Document entitled "Advanced SSL support in Comet" ("Document," selected dates redacted), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A. We prepared the contents of the Document through work undertaken in meetings and discussions that occurred from before the Critical Date to the date of the Document – March 7, 2000 – as well as after the date of the Document. Specific additional evidence of conception and diligence from prior to the Critical Date to March 7, 2000, aside from the Document, is not available at least because Microsoft corporate policy directs that email messages from dates this far in the past be deleted. (Note that dates in the revision history of the Document are provided in "DD/MM/YYYY" format, so that, for example, March 7, 2000 is provided as "7/3/2000.")
6. The subject matter of at least independent claims 1, 28, and 33, which relate, for example and without limitation, to reverse proxy implementations, are described in the Document, in at least section 2.1, "General," section 2.2, "SSL session termination," and section 2.3, "SSL session bridging (dual-hop SSL)," as well as with user interfaces and interaction functionality described and illustrated in section 3. The subject matter of independent claims 14, 31, and 33, which relate, also for example and without limitation, to forward proxy implementations, are also described by the Document, at least in the previously referenced sections as well as section 2.4, "Considerations for forward proxy," as well as with user interfaces and interaction functionality described and illustrated in section 3.

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7. All statements made of our own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. We are aware that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (under 18 U.S.C. § 1001), and may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,



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